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Cardinal Connection

“Here’s what a little birdie told me”

Rowing Forward

By: Cody Davis, Marshall City

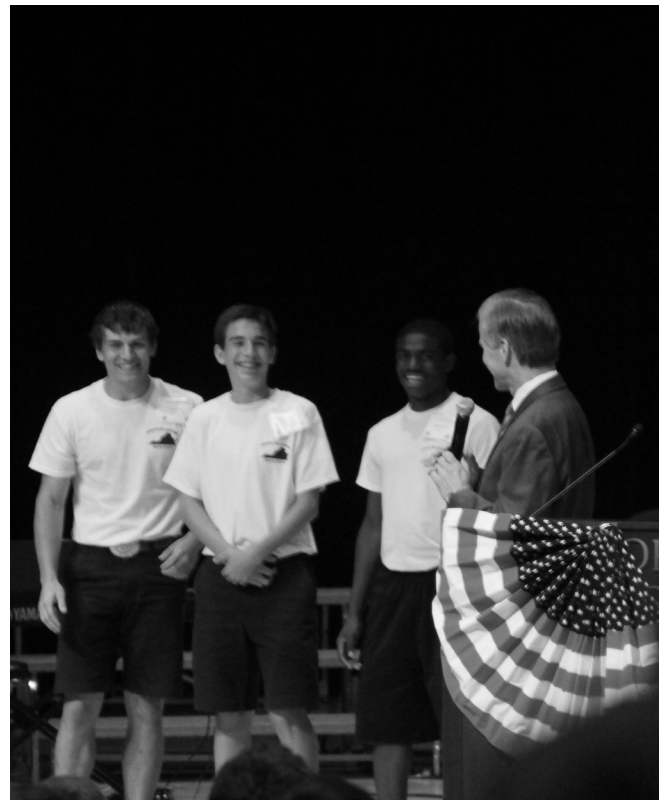
While the campaigning may be over, the newly elected officers are busier now more than ever at Boys State. Governor Brad Smith has already met with his Cabinet and got right down to business, preparing new bills and proposals for the state legislature. Smith, a Lancaster native, was not even planning to run for Governor until nearly halfway through Boys State.

“When I came to Boys State, I really didn’t have my heart set on Governor,” said Smith. “But the city really wanted me to, so I gave them what they wanted.”

Smith has been adamant about helping the people. He has claimed that his cabinet’s plans will directly lower the unemployment rate. Smith and his advisors hope to assist those people on welfare by improving the system and getting them jobs to get started in the right direction.

“Let me clarify: not all people on welfare are lazy. I’m all about helping somebody out during a

hard time, but we have to draw the line somewhere. We need to limit the length of time spent on welfare for unemployment,” said Smith.



The newly elected Attorney General, Franklin Gerguido has worked closely with Governor Smith on preparing new bills and ideas. Both politicians claim that, despite their differing political parties, they work well together and should be able to get a lot done before Boys State ends on Saturday.

“I feel like right now, everybody is willing to work with each other,” said Gerguidos. “There aren’t any extremes on either side.”

Many types of bills are being discussed within the Governor’s cabinet. Proposals ranging from tobacco to transportation to employment will be presented to the House of Delegates. However, Governor Smith really has his sights set on seeing the Veterans’ Housing Supplement Program improved.

“This bill needs to be passed,” said Smith. “We are proposing to have a \$1.5 billion funding increase, taken from higher taxes.”

The Cabinet has also come to a compromise and agreed to push for both party platforms to be accomplished. Many cabinet members were happy to say that females, food, free time, and game 7 would all be accomplished. It appears that the bipartisanship that Governor Smith wanted is close to becoming reality.

“Everything is going well,” said Smith. “We have varying opinions which leads to a lot of input. I knew that when I picked my Cabinet I definitely wanted to choose from both parties.”

Gerguidos has stated that he is leaving his political ideals and opinions aside and focusing on what is best for the public.

“It’s my job to help out the Governor,” said Gerguidos. “I need to work with him for the good of the people.”

2 So far, Governor Smith and his Cabinet are

working well together and making progress. According to several Cabinet members, most of their bills should be passed through the state legislature. The citizens of Boys State will definitely be seeing some change today.

Spoils of War

By Trevor Motley, of Eisenhower City

Following the Presidential Election of 1828, the victor, President Andrew Jackson, granted over 900 of his supporters positions within the United States government, a record at that time. This was often used against Jackson by his opponents, claiming that it displayed explicit favoritism.

Not only is this sort of behavior usually considered immoral, it is also illegal. Commonly, incompetent or corrupt appointees were put into positions of power, and then the power was misused, further corrupting the government. Some examples of corruption were embezzlements of funds and acceptance of bribes to vote certain ways. It was not long before American citizens began demanding action.

During the 1860’s, civil service reform was one of the biggest issues. The American Civil War mothballed the debate, but the call for reform intensi-

fied when President Garfield was assassinated by a rejected office-seeking supporter in 1881.

The first major act that limited the spoils system at the federal system was the Pendleton Act, which created a commission that based nominees on a merit basis, rather than party basis. The second major act was the Hatch Act of 1939, which prohibited federal employees from engaging in most politics. While those acts fixed spoils at a federal level, most states held onto patronage late into the 1940's, and the latest act that limits spoils was in Chicago, the Shakman Decrees of 1972 and 1983.

As most of you witnessed firsthand, the campaigns leading up to and during the Boys State conventions saw a lot of patronage deals get struck. Not only were the different campaigns immoral in this aspect, more often than not they did not follow through with their promises; luckily, we did not have the response that faced President Garfield. Nevertheless, because many cities soon grew weary of this backstabbing, factions began to fracture and candidates that seemed to be lined up to win, like David Lee of Lee City, fell.

Crazed Tuba Possesses Player, Eats Band Kid

By Zack Toothman of Lee City

After almost a week of getting blown by

the same boy for hours on end, one tuba has had enough. Prior to lining up for the flag lowering yesterday evening, Jacob Stubbs was conversing with tuba player Daniel Rhodes when Rhodes' tuba suddenly leaned over and swallowed Stubbs' head. Eyewitnesses claim that instead of attempting to dislodge his tuba from Stubbs' head, Rhodes actually encouraged the tuba to keep eating, saying "Feed, Precious; eat the filthy woodwindses!" This uncharacteristic behavior has led many to believe that after being wrapped around Rhodes for so long, the tuba has managed to take control of his mind. In light of this terrifying situation, the band and chorus have agreed to join forces in an attempt to exercise poor Daniel and destroy the cursed tuba once and for all. With any luck, the exorcism will have succeeded and everyone will be ready to make merry at today's parade.



SPORTS

The SCOREBOARD

Today is going to be a big day for athletics across the boys state nation. In all tournament style games, the finals match-ups have been decided, and there is only one chance left for the bowlers to make a run at passing James City, the team that has been leading all week. Tune in this afternoon for some great action from all athletics.

BASKETBALL

Match-up	Victor
semis	
Henry vs. James	Henry (57-27)
Nimitz vs. Jackson	Nimitz (54-42)
finals	
Nimitz vs. Henry	Nimitz (43-42)

FOOTBALL

Match-up	Victor
Marshall vs. Nimitz	Marshall (29-18)
Patton vs. Jackson	Patton
MacArthur vs. Stuart	MacArthur (30-28)
Lee vs. Bradley	Lee
Eisenhower vs. Washington	Eisenhower (35-21)

SOCCER

Match-up	Victor
Eisenhower vs. Washington	Eisenhower (5-2)
Maury vs. Jackson	Maury
James vs. Lee	James
Henry vs. Burke	Henry
Puller vs. Patton	Puller

TENNIS

Semis	Victor
Patton vs. Jackson	Patton
Washington vs. Puller	Washington
Finals	
Washington vs. Patton	Washington

VOLLEYBALL

Match-up	Victor
James vs. Lee	James (2-0)
Washington vs. Marshall	Marshall (2-0)
Pershing vs. Bradley	Pershing
Maury vs. Jackson	Maury (2-1)
Burke vs. Stuart	Burke

****Bowling scores TBA, all other games start at 3:30 this afternoon. Football, soccer, and tennis are the athletics that WILL be played today.**

AROUND THE HORN

YET ANOTHER ALL OUT NHL PLAYOFF WAR

Game five of the Stanley Cup Finals is going to be held on Chicago's home ice. The series is currently tied up at 2-2, so there will be at least two more games played as the series is the best of seven. Game six will return back to Boston. Game five is going to be **SATURDAY at 8:00 p.m. ET.** Will the home ice advantage be helpful to Chicago or will the Bruins get one up on Chicago?

"Don't quote me on that"
-Frenchie Burnett

AND THE RESULTS ARE IN

HEAT- 95
SPURS- 88



Boys State: A Lesson on Leadership

By: Kirby Struhar

How many of us knew what we got ourselves in to Sunday afternoon when most of us arrived at Radford? I know I didn't. I knew we were going to deal with government for a week, that it was going to be fairly structured, and that there was also going to be a lot of emphasis on leadership.

But I know I didn't expect a lot of things that ended up happening. I didn't expect to stand with my arms around the shoulders of the other guys in my city, singing songs like "Wagon Wheel" and the ever popular "Boys State Song," which we've all come to love. I didn't expect to walk down a hall hearing kids greet me as if they've known me forever. And I definitely didn't expect to have my entire perspective on government and leadership change in a matter of days.

The question may have been raised in the last few days—"why am I here?" Many of us may not have known what it was, maybe some of us still don't. But I think a lot of us have come to a realization: that the reason we're here is bigger than us. That the reason we're here isn't merely to win a government position or to gain a position in the Governor's Cabinet. However, we're here for something greater than us, and greater than just the week we've spent here at Radford University. It's about effecting change—change in our communities, in our state, and hopefully throughout

our country and the entire world. The fact that this week, we realized the importance of public service, and of doing it for the right reasons, and the fact that we have the opportunity to be *the* greatest generation.

At the end of the day, it came down to learning about leadership, and being effective leaders who lead by example. And when we go back home, we'll have the opportunity to effect change. From learning lessons from our Attorney General, Lieutenant Governor, and Governor, we've learned how to be more effective leaders and leading by example. That's what Boys State is all about. It's about being able to imply what we learn here when we get home, and being able to cause positive change in our communities and making our world a better place.

Governor William Smith: First Impressions

By Jackson Skeen, of Patton City

Row the boat! Row the boat! Row the boat!
These three words drove our newly elected governor, William Smith, to victory.

Many citizens thoroughly supported Smith, despite his noticeably extreme political views. His speech, expressing the importance of hard work, roused the crowd and played a crucial role in his election.

Chase Simonsen was inspired, and fully supported Smith. He says, "Will has a funny, like-

able voice. He's a hard worker, a good ole Southern boy, and an all-around nice guy.

David Lee speaks to Smith's individuality, saying "He's effective because he's different. He didn't try to be official, and instead was more personal."

On the other hand, many other citizens have vocally expressed their opposition to our new governor.

Smith's speech inspired a great deal of controversy, and not everyone is in agreement with Smith's political views.

A citizen of Bradley City focused on Smith's communication, which has been called into question after his use of the word "camaraderieship."

He says, "Smith is incredibly difficult to understand. His poor pronunciation will cause severe communication issues and cause parents to question their son's ability to choose a competent leader of the Commonwealth."

Several other citizens commented on Smith's extreme views. Juan Delarosa says "He was obnoxious in discussing his ideas. He needs to be more open to input from others. He talks about compromise, but has very radical views."

Benjamin Whetzel agrees, saying "The Governor's views represented an extreme point of view. His comments were insensitive to individuals who are not traditionalists. He failed to understand the welfare program, and instead presented a black and white, absolutist view of the social welfare program."

Despite his virtually incomprehensible articulation, his radical views, and his opponent the Jacob Miller, "the golden voice," Smith has been elected. Even though many citizens have misgivings about our new governor, the reality is that he was supported by a majority of Boys State, and we must abide by his rule, regardless of our political convictions. This is the ultimate test of Boys State: we must put aside our own biases to support the greater good of the state.

The First Arrest

By: Stephen R. Amoruso, Puller City

One of the best parts of being a Sheriff is being able to take crooks off the street. Thankfully, this year at Boys State has been a relatively safe one. However, there has been one arrest, which was made by Puller City Sheriff, Garrison "Duke" Gosney. The arrest was made in a Stuart dorm room at approximately

11:34 PM. The reason: the culprit stole the Sheriff's badge. It was an interesting arrest because Sheriff Duke's jurisdiction is only in Puller City. However, multi-jurisdictional cooperation between the cities allowed for the arrest. Sheriff Duke was unable to release the charges against the thief. As mentioned in the title, this was the first arrest and we congratulate Sheriff Duke on keeping our cities safe.

I Can Speech Now

By Caleb Rose, Washington City

On Monday many Boys State candidates entered a class called Better Speaking led by a very charismatic teacher. Throughout the week we have been learning how to deliver speeches and other types of presentations. Overall it has been a very awarding experience for all participants.

On Thursday, twelve members of the class qualified for semi-finalist positions in an oratorical position. After two minutes of presentations in small groups of about seven people per group our twelve was tuned down to six. And the Competition began.

Each of the finalists proceeded to give a speech varying from one minute and thirty seconds to two minutes and thirty seconds. The topics were chosen by the presenters and varied greatly in content. Dylan gave a speech on why Boys State is great and presented his speech with great excellency. Jackson and Troy's speeches both tied together speaking on party politics, and ensuring democracy at Boys State. John Berry gave an amazing to a

8 audience members who had lost an election this week.

By far the best two speeches were given by Chad and Jethro. Jethro gave his speech on dreams and living your dreams. When asked why he wanted to win so much he said that "[He has] always loved public speak" and "[He] loves the the rush of speaking publicly." The other outstanding speech was given by chad. The speech on the negative effects of comparing yourself to others captivated and moved audiences. Chad said he got his idea for speeches when he was "really bored during free time." He also said that his inspiration was his forensics teacher and he dedicated his speech to her.

All the speeches on all levels were presented with spectacular wit and understanding. Tune in to the winning speech tomorrow.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING BUSES ON SATURDAY

Box lunches will be available at the Bonnie Hurlburt Student Center for all Boys State attendees. Same place as check in.

Bus pick up

Lot AA (drop off location near Bonnie) 3 busses to Fairfax, 1 bus to Haymarket

Lot A (between Preston, Young, Porterfield) 2 busses to Richmond, 1 bus Colonial Heights

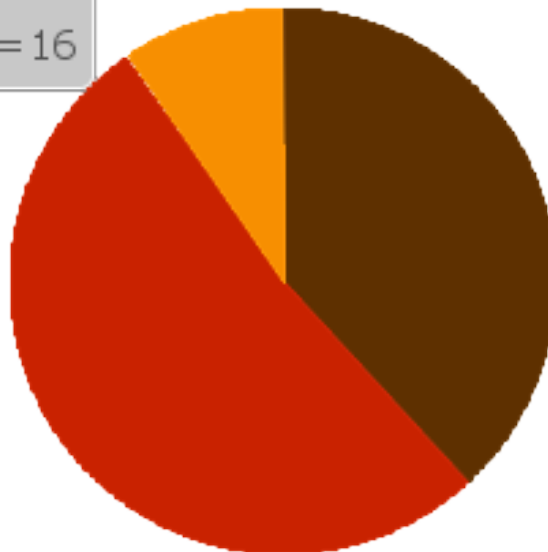
Tyler St. near Ingles Residence Hall – Newport News, Portsmouth, Suffolk, Norfolk

Parents can park in the lots along Jefferson St. before the 4-way stop sign and meet you at your residence hall to help you depart.

Golf carts will be available at each of the three residence zones to help those walking to the furthest bus location.

The Governor likes his potatoes, what about you?

■ Mashed Potatoes=63
■ Tater Tots=86
■ Scalloped Potatoes= 16



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Talent Show Has Lots of Talent

By Zack Toothman of Lee City

Last night's talent show highlighted a wide range of citizens' special skills, including piano playing, juggling, singing, guitar playing, beatboxing, a capella singing, poetry writing/ reciting, piano playing AND singing, and many other excellent acts. Appar-

10 ently there was also a brilliant clarinet duet

featuring the awesome Stephen Redmon and a mysterious, gifted and devilishly handsome clarinetist from Lee. The best thing about the talent show is that it was not any sort of competition, but rather was simply a chance for any citizen to show off what makes them unique.

The Battle of the Band

By Conor Roberson, of Nimitz City

Roll call is often a place of competition between the cities of Boys State. Normally cities quote movies or events of the day, some do not even cheer. However one group has stood out amongst the rest. The Band. Their roll call is normally in competition with the Chorus, either mocking their songs or flat out dissing them.

Yesterday morning The Band decided to mock the Chorus' infamous song "Cock Robin" by saying they had a "big Cock Robin" again racking up some major points. The evening added fuel to the fire. The Chorus made a desperate attempt to regain their standing by using the classic "your mom" joke. By the response of the citizens of Boys State, this merited big points.

However this victory was short lived. The Band made a quick change to their cheer and followed the Chorus. They went with "That is not what your sister said!" This by far was the biggest blow to the Chorus. Every city at the flag ceremony went crazy with applause and oooh's.

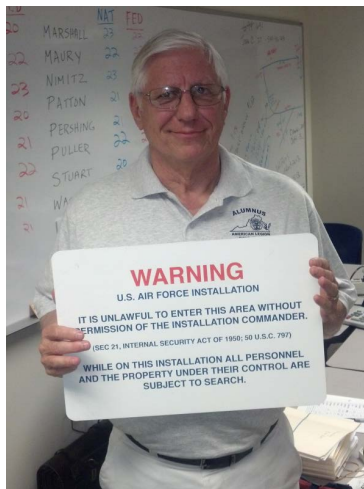
In a hair-trigger change, the Band put themselves on top of their opponents. The Chorus is going to have a hard time recovering from this, because of the complete shutdown yesterday. With only three more roll calls left it will be interesting to watch the finale of this rivalry. Good luck Chorus.

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